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SUBJECT: IMPACT OF NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION ON MAAGS AND  
SIMILAR ADVISORY MISSIONS OVERSEAS

REF: STATE 97277

1. FOLLOWING REPLY TO PARA 6 REFTEL WAS APPROVED BY AMBASSADOR.

2. BELIEVE THAT CURRENT MAAG COMPLEMENT OF 6 OFFICERS AND 2  
EM CAN BE REDUCED BY 2 PERSONNEL IN FY 77 AND THAT MAAG CAN BE  
REPLACED BY SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN EMBASSY OF 3 MILITARY  
IN FY 78 WITHOUT SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR OBJECTIVES HERE.

3. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO RETAIN A REDUCED MAAG GROUP HERE  
IN FY 77 BECAUSE: (A) THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MAP  
MATERIEL IN THIS COUNTRY, USE OF WHICH SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE  
MONITORED; (B) DOMINICAN MILITARY HAVE LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN  
UTILIZATION OF FMS WHICH HAS SUPPLANTED MAP GRANT PROGRAM AS  
PRIMARY FUTURE SOURCE OF MILITARY MATERIEL ACQUISITIONS FROM  
U.S.; AND (C) ELIMINATION OF MAAG PRESENCE IN FY 77 WOULD TOO  
ABRUPTLY REDUCE CONTACTS OF U.S. MILITARY WITH DOMINICAN  
MILITARY, WHO PLAY KEY ROLE IN MAINTAINING COUNTRY'S STABILITY  
AND, FOLLOWING ON ELIMINATION OF MAP GRANT PROGRAM THIS YEAR,  
WOULD REINFORCE IMPRESSION OF DECLINING U.S. INTEREST IN  
DOMINICAN SECURITY.

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4. WITH REDUCTION OF 2 PERSONNEL AFTER NEXT SEPT 30, MAAG COULD CARRY OUT ITS MISSION WITH 4 OFFICERS, INCLUDING A SENIOR ADVISER FOR EACH OF THE THREE SERVICES (OF WHICH ONE WOULD SERVE CONCURRENTLY AS CHMAAG) AND THE FOURTH AS PLANS/OPERATIONS OFFICER AND LOGISTICS ADVISOR; AND 2 EM, AS AT PRESENT, ONE FOR TRI-SERVICE TRAINING AND THE OTHER FOR ADMINISTRATION.

5. WITH ELIMINATION OF MAAG IN FY 78, SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN EMBASSY, COMPOSED OF 3 OFFICERS, INCLUDING AN ADVISER FOR EACH OF THE SERVICES, OF WHICH ONE WOULD BE SECTION CHIEF. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COULD BE PROVIDED BY DAO OFFICE, IF THAT IS NOT INTERPRETED AS A "SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTION," OR BY THE EMBASSY'S JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, OR, LEAST ATTRACTIVE, THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE COULD BE COMPOSED OF 2 OFFICERS AND ONE ADMINISTRATIVE NCO.  
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